

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 JUNE 1997 AT 1400 HOURS IN GATEHEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE, FAIRLIE VIEW, GATEHEAD**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Gordon Cree, Irene Reeves and Ronald Brailsford; Community Representatives Ms Linda Thomson (named substitute), Mrs Gertrude Kelly, Mr Robert Wilson, Mr Charles Calman and Mr John Donaldson.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Inspector Ian Brodie.

**ATTENDING:** John Griffiths, Head of Leisure; Paul McVey, Area Housing Manager; Donald McVicar, Departmental Strategy Officer; Catriona Barr, Home Care Organiser (North Division); Joe Donnelly, Principal Officer - Trading Standards; George Fraser, Senior Policy Advisor (Strategy/Partnerships); and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Douglas Reid and Wilma Doyle and Community Representatives Jean Dunlop and Canon Kenneth Stephen.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Gordon Cree, Chair.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. There was submitted for information and noted the Minutes of meeting of Kilmarnock Central Local Committee held on 6 May 1997.

**COMMUNITY REGENERATION STRATEGIES**

2. There was submitted a report dated 3 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on progress with regard to the development of Community Regeneration Strategies and recommending accordingly.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the process to involve Community Representatives in Community Regeneration Strategies via a pilot scheme in the Kilmarnock South area which would involve familiarisation with the East Ayrshire Regeneration Strategy; identification of locally relevant issues; and ratification of the final report;
- (ii) to note the progress made with regard to the development of Local Regeneration Strategies; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

**ANTI-POVERTY ACTIVITIES: ANNUAL REPORT**

3. There was submitted a report dated 27 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on various pieces of Anti-Poverty work undertaken by Social Work staff in the period 1 April 1996 to 31 March 1997.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Social Work bring forward further reports on Anti-Poverty work on a regular basis; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

**LEISURE STRATEGY - CONSULTATION DRAFT (Item 4, Page 2179)**

4. There was submitted a report dated 28 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the consultation draft of the Council's Leisure Strategy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that members of the Committee would consider the consultation draft of the Leisure Strategy, with any comments to be submitted directly to the Director of Community Services no later than 31 July 1997; and
- (ii) meantime, that consideration be given to increasing the use made of the exterior walls of the Palace Theatre for locating material to advertise its entertainment events.

**STREET NAMING - NEW DEVELOPMENT OF 9 HOUSES OFF  
DAVID ORR STREET, KILMARNOCK**

5. There was submitted a report dated 9 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on a New Development of 9 houses off David Orr Street, Kilmarnock, and requesting the Local Committee's views on a proposed name for the street.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the New Development of 9 houses off David Orr Street, Kilmarnock, be named Robert Stewart Place; and
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Head of Contracting and Technical Services to undertake to make the necessary arrangements in respect of the erection of a street sign and the numbering of the street.

**1998/1999 PROGRAMMES FOR THE STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF  
ROADS AND FOOTWAYS (Item 2, Page 761)**

6. There was submitted a report dated 20 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising that the 1998/1999 Programmes for the Structural Maintenance of Road and Footways would be drawn up in Autumn 1997 and requesting that any carriageway or footway resurfacing schemes which the Local Committee considered desirable be notified to the Roads and Transportation no later than 30 September 1997.

It was agreed that members of the Local Committee submit suggested resurfacing schemes for 1998/1999 to the Director of Development Services no later than 30 September 1997.

**EAST AYRSHIRE GARDEN COMPETITION 1997 (Item 9, Page 2148)**

7. There was submitted a report dated 29 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Housing on the judging requirements and amended prize format of the 1997 Garden Competition.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Community Representatives Betty Mabon and John Donaldson comprise the standby judging panel for the 1997 Garden Competition;
- (ii) to note the Local Committee's concerns that last year's winners would not be permitted to participate in the 1997 Garden Competition even if they opted out of the judging panel; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

**DISABLED PARKING - KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE CAR PARKS**

8. There was submitted a report dated 3 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the enforcement of disabled bays in Kilmarnock Town Centre public car parks.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Development Services report to a future meeting of the Local Committee on a survey of the use of the new designated spaces in Kilmarnock Town Centre public car parks; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**REPLACEMENT OF TOWN/VILLAGE SIGNS IN EAST AYRSHIRE  
(Item 3.4, Page 2195)**

9. There was submitted a report dated 29 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on (i) proposals to replace the existing town and village signs in the Local Committee area which for uniformity, the three Kilmarnock Local Committees were recommended to reach a consensus on a common message; (ii) the message to be incorporated on the bottom line of signs in the Kilmarnock area; and (iii) the possible location of additional East Ayrshire boundary signs.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the decision of the Development Services Committee of 3 June 1997, agreeing to the erection of the town/village signs in the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee area in the financial year 1998/99;
- (ii) to note the invitation for proposals in respect of the message to be incorporated in the bottom line of signs in the Kilmarnock Central Local Committee Area;
- (iii) to note the invitation for proposals in respect of the possible location of further East Ayrshire boundary signs; and
- (iv) to note that arrangements would be made for reaching a consensus on a common message for "Kilmarnock" signs and that a further report would be brought to the local committee on proposals received.

**KILMARNOCK TOWN CENTRE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

10. There was submitted a report dated 5 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the action taken to address a number of issues regarding the integrity and on-going maintenance implications of specific areas of street surfaces within the Town Centre.

It was agreed to note the action being taken to resolve the on-going maintenance problems.

#### **PARKING DIFFICULTIES - HOLEHOUSE ROAD, WILSON AVENUE AND DE WALDEN TERRACE, KILMARNOCK**

11. There was submitted a report dated 9 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on progress in respect of the short term measures introduced to address parking difficulties experienced by residents living near Kilmarnock College.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a report on the longer term measures to address parking difficulties at Holehouse Road, Wilson Avenue and De Walden Terrace, Kilmarnock, be submitted by the Director of Support Services to the Local Committee in due course; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

#### **COMMUNITY FORUM MEETINGS**

##### **12.1 MAY MEETING**

There was submitted a report dated 3 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on the outcome of the first meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Community Forum for the 1997/98 year, held as part of the Council's Scheme for Decentralisation.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the Officers concerned to follow up any relevant matters arising from the Community Forum meeting and to arrange for the submission of reports to Service Committees where appropriate; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the outcome of the meeting of the Kilmarnock Central Community Forum held on 28 May 1997.

##### **12.2 AUGUST MEETING**

It was reported that the August meeting of the Community Forum had been provisionally set for 28 August 1997 in the Gateway Centre, Kilmarnock, and the Local Committee was requested to consider a local item for discussion.

It was agreed that the local item for discussion at the next meeting of the Community Forum be Tourism and Heritage within the Kilmarnock Central area.

### COMMUNITY GRANTS 1997/98 FINANCIAL POSITION

13. There was submitted a report dated 10 June 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services, advising of applications by Community Groups for Community Grants for the period 22 March 1997 to 17 June 1997.

The Committee took to following decisions:-

- (i) **Applications Approved** (for the purpose specified on the application) -

(a) Playschemes

Kidzade Playscheme - £393

(b) Disability Groups

Contact P.H.A.B Club - £240

(c) Miscellaneous

St Marnock Youth Club (Enable) - £309

Kilmarnock Folk Club - £342

Kilmarnock & Loudoun Crime Prevention Panel - £60

- (ii) **Applications Continued**

Kilmarnock Concert Brass - continued to September meeting of the Local Committee for assessment by Director of Community Services.

### LOCAL COMMITTEES - FORWARD PLANNING 1997/98 (Item 4, Page 2237)

14. There was submitted and noted a report dated 28 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on arrangements for Forward Planning in respect of the agenda and timescales of Local Committee meetings for 1997/98, as agreed by the Decentralisation Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 27 May 1997.

The meeting terminated at 1520 hours.